

May Community Life Meeting**Date:** Tuesday, 5/11/2010**Time:** 7:00p**Agenda**◆ **Opening Prayer**

- ◆ Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Those present were, Emey Vaillancourt, Cathy Sullivan, Cindy Mc Donald, Jeanne Sorsen, Dave Jones and Rhonda Dillon.
- ◆ Guest: Amy DeRaad
- ◆ Absent: Richard Birck
- ◆ Item #1: New Members Protocol – Marie and Gary Schrank

➤ **Follow/Up Questions from the Schranks from March Meeting and Answers provided from the CL Commission**

- What does the commission feel the main objective of the New Member Registration should be? *Welcome new parishioners and gather information of interest and talents to follow/up with mentor at a later date. We feel they need to feel welcomed to our community first and encouraged at a later date to get involved in the parish activities.*
- How quickly do we want to see involvement with the new parishioner? Do we want to have some type of simplified talent form at the registration that needs to be filled out and left behind? *Yes, we feel the current covenant form could be overwhelming*
- Do we want to send newly registered people invites on upcoming events such as; Springfest, Diner, Bazaar, Fish Fry, etc? . *We would suggest monthly letter advertising the events happening at our parish.*
- Mentors- how involved do we want them to be? *We think they should be involved from the start, possibly by introducing themselves at the first meeting and providing a tour of the parish groups. We feel the mentors should be representatives of the parish commissions. How long would they have to commit and how many contacts should they have with the new parishioner? Several contacts within the first year especially surrounding larger events such as Springfest, the State Fair Diner, Bazaar, Cana, etc. Not necessarily to get them involved but to invite them and make them aware of the opportunity to meet other parishioners.*
- Do we want a yearly or bi-yearly social for the new parishioners? *No, we feel a monthly letter and mentor program would be more effective.*
- Do we want to take a survey on involvement with the new member and check to see if their time, talent, and treasure form is sent in and if they involved in the ministry they signed up for? *No, we feel a follow up should be done by an assigned mentor to see if they would like information on ministries related to their specific talents or areas of interest.*

Additional items we feel should be addressed.

1. Tours open up to the entire parish with new members.
2. Encourage staff involvement but rely more on the parish commission members for registration sessions. We feel the commission members should be another friendly face and connection at the parish and not push for involvement at this point. We also feel this may provide a resource for new couples to lead the registration process

◆ **Item #2: Small Business Network**

- A new minister has been proposed by Brian Evans to bring together the parish business owners and provide them a forum to share business ideas and knowledge. There would be no fee to join the network, just a commitment to share their talents, time and experiences back to both the group and parish. The group would benefit in the formation of new partnerships, relationships and friendships to increase individual business's productivity.

◆ **Item #3: Family Table**

- Members to be updated at parish council meeting
 - Emey, Richard and Rhonda are current members of the subcommittee

- ◆ Item #4: Springfest- needs and concerns
 - Need volunteers and raffle tickets to be sold.
 - Raffle tickets need to be available sooner in the future.

- ◆ Item#5: Discernment Process and Community Life Commission members for 2010-11
 - New committee will be required to meet September/January/June with the other commissions at large and will meet as needed throughout the year.
 - New members will represent the ministries under our commission.
 - More detail to be given at the parish council meeting,
 - Current members completing discernment process in 2010- Dave Jones, Emey Vaillancourt and Jeanne Sorsen. Cindy McDonald and Richard Burke complete term in 2011.

- ◆ Item #6: Community Life Commission Expectations -Update Action Plan

Tabled until 2010-11 Community Life Commission assembled and new chair to be discerned at that time.

- ◆ Closing Prayer

Meeting Action Items		
Action Item	Assigned To	Status
a. Introduce Small Business Ministry to the parish council and contact Brian Evans to arrange council presentation in June	Emey	
b. Checking with ministries to see if they would host cookie exchange next year	Jeanne	
c. Check discernment commitment of each CL member	Amy	Completed 5/11
d. Check with Sue Linville to assess new member data base	Emey	
e. Follow Up with Marie and Gary Schrank	Emey	